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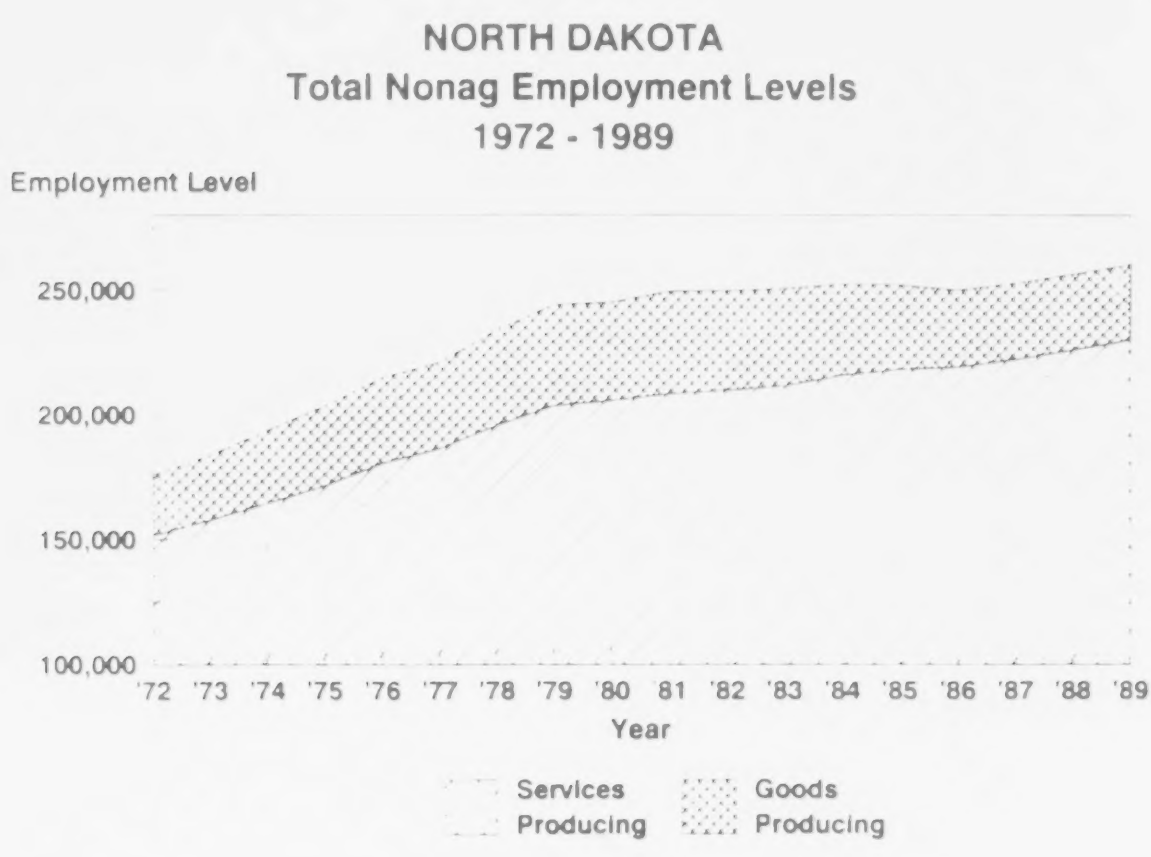

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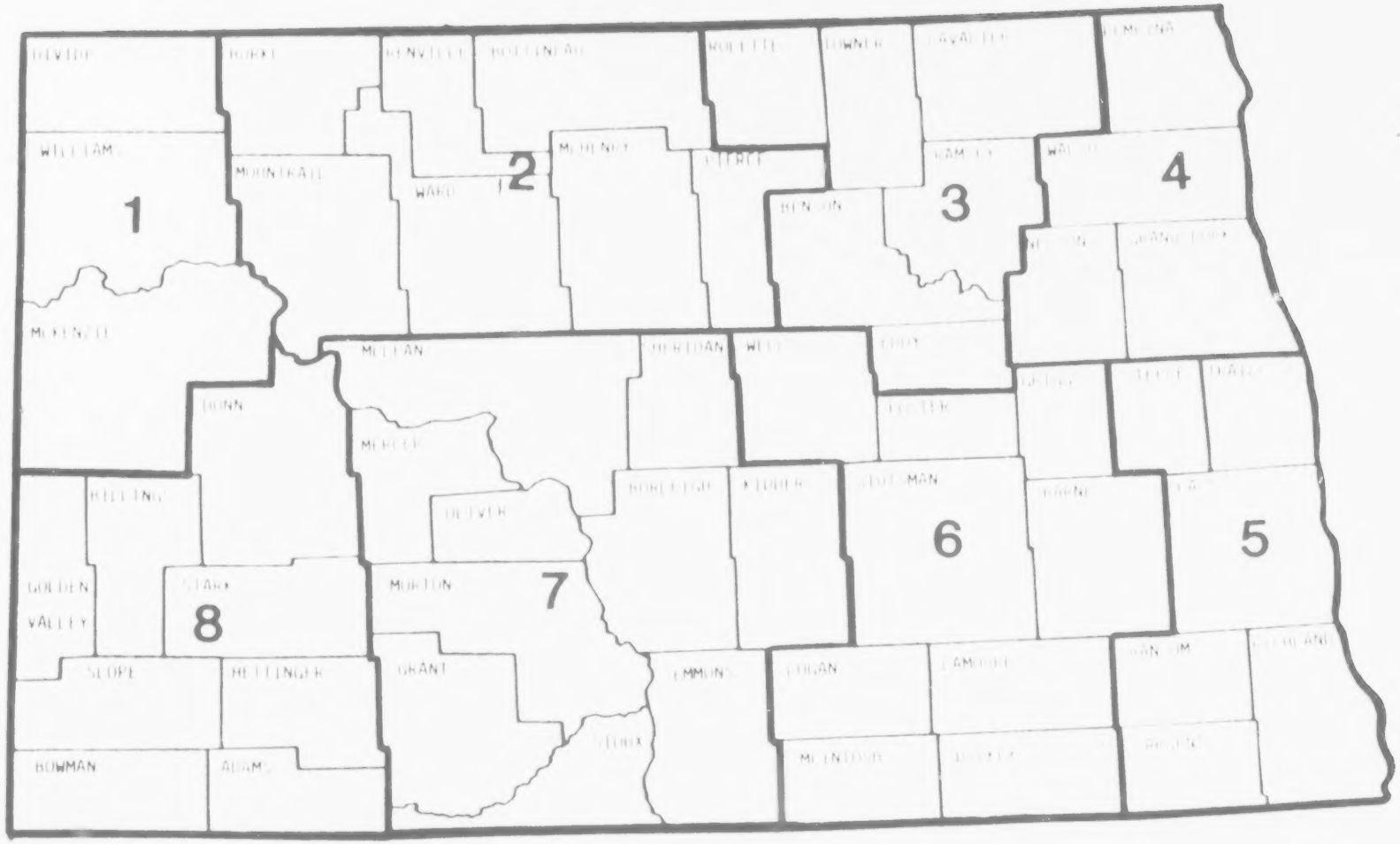

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1989 - THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Average statewide employment reached a level of 260,350 in 1989, exhibiting an increase of 1.5% from 1988. In this article, we will be looking at the overall changes that contributed to these employment increases.

STATEWIDE

To look back for a moment, 1988 total nonfarm employment stood at 256,000, a gain of 3,750 jobs over 1987. Although the construction and finance, insurance, and real estate industries showed declines, all other industries posted increases over the year, the most notable of which was the services industry, gaining 3,000 jobs over the year.

Although we all hear wistful reminiscing about the "good old days" of the oil boom, employment in North Dakota now stands at the highest level ever. Although the goods-producing sector (which includes mining, construction and manufacturing) has been declining at a more or less steady pace since the high in 1981, the services- producing sector has more than compensated for this loss. Since 1981, we have lost almost 11,000 jobs from the goods-producing sector (7,000 from mining, 5,000 from construction, and a gain of 1,000 in manufacturing). However, we have gained nearly 22,000 in the services-producing sector, leaving a net gain of 11,000, or an increase of 9.6%.

Mining showed the largest decrease in employment in 1989, specifically in the gas and oil sector. After posting a modest employment gain in 1988, mining is now at its lowest level since 1977. Lately, there has been a great deal of press regarding the development of horizontal drilling in the western oil fields. However, this drilling is occurring in existing wells and there is not the need for seismographic crews, which in the past has accounted for most of the employment in the oil industry.

Construction continued on its downward trend, dropping an additional 100 in the street, highway and heavy construction sector.

The manufacturing division is still showing gains, increasing 1.2% over the year. The current employment level of 16,550 is only 100 less than its all time high in 1979. Most of the increases are occurring in the durable goods sector--specifically, the industrial machinery and transportation industries.

The transportation, communication and utilities industry gained 200 jobs since 1988. Trucking and warehousing remained level with all of the increase occurring in other transportation industries. Communications and utilities swapped 100 employees, with communications gaining and utilities losing.

The wholesale trade division was up only slightly over the year, adding 100 jobs. However, retail trade posted an increase of 1,100 positions since 1988, with the majority of these in eating and drinking establishments (600). Food stores showed a healthy increase of 300 and the remaining jobs were spread evenly over the other trade industries areas.

The services division was also continuing its upward trend with the addition of 1,750 jobs over the year. The bulk of these jobs was in the health services sector (up 500), the social services sector (up 500) and in personal and business services (up 300).

Government also gained employees over the year with state government education adding 200 positions and other state government increasing by 300 jobs. Local government also grew by 300 in education and 200 in all other areas.

MSA'S

Employment in North Dakota's three Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA'S) grew at a faster rate than total state employment, continuing the pattern of urbanization that we have been experiencing.

FARGO-MOORHEAD

The Fargo-Moorhead MSA (which includes Cass County, North Dakota, and Clay County, Minnesota) gained 1,850 jobs over the past year. The largest percentage increase was in the durable goods manufacturing industry, with 10.9%. This increase was spread evenly over the various durable goods industries. The largest number of jobs created was in the services division which added 900. The bulk of these were in personal and business services, although all other services industries showed substantial growth.

BISMARCK-MANDAN

The Burleigh and Morton County MSA showed the largest percentage gain (3.6%) of all the MSA's over the year. The division recording the largest increase was manufacturing which showed a 7.3% gain. The services division added 600 jobs over the year, divided equally over the various services industries. Retail trade showed a gain of 250 jobs, most of these in food stores and eating and drinking establishments. The only division to show a decline was finance, insurance, and real estate, which lost 50 jobs as these establishments continue to consolidate and streamline operations.

GRAND FORKS

The Grand Forks MSA gained 800 jobs, putting its employment at the highest level since 1981. Three hundred of these new jobs were in the trade sector with eating and drinking establishments accounting for the majority (200). The other increases in Grand Forks occurred in the services division (an increase of 200 jobs) and in government. The 200 job increase in the government sector was due primarily to an increase in state government education.

The benchmark revisions for 1988 and 1989 were recently completed. We have included in this issue of the Labor Market Advisor tables for the two years showing annual average labor force data and wage and salary employment for North Dakota and the three MSA's. We have also included hours and earnings data for production workers in the manufacturing industry in North Dakota and the Fargo-Moorhead MSA.

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NORTH DAKOTA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	February 1990	January 1990	January 1990	February 1989	February 1989
TOTAL	258,250	258,150	0.0%	252,000	2.5%
GOODS PRODUCING	27,750	28,200	-1.6%	26,650	4.1%
MINING	3,600	3,800	-5.3%	3,650	-1.4%
Coal	1,050	1,100	-4.5%	1,100	-4.5%
Crude Petroleum & Nat. Gas	2,400	2,500	-4.0%	2,400	0.0%
Other Mining	150	200	-25.0%	150	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	7,150	7,450	-4.0%	6,700	6.7%
Building Construction	2,100	2,200	-4.5%	1,950	7.7%
Street, Highway & Heavy	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,050	0.0%
Special Trade Construction	4,000	4,200	-4.8%	3,700	8.1%
MANUFACTURING	17,000	16,950	0.3%	16,300	4.3%
Durable Goods	8,600	8,450	1.8%	7,600	13.2%
Primary & Fab. Metals	1,100	1,100	0.0%	1,000	10.0%
Machinery & Trans. Equip	5,450	5,450	0.0%	4,800	13.5%
Machinery & Electric	3,900	3,900	0.0%	3,400	14.7%
Transportation Equipment	1,550	1,550	0.0%	1,400	10.7%
Other Durables	2,050	1,900	7.9%	1,800	13.9%
Lumber & Wood	1,100	1,050	4.8%	950	15.8%
Misc Durable	950	850	11.8%	850	11.8%
Nondurable Goods	8,400	8,500	-1.2%	8,700	-3.4%
Food & Kindred Products	4,450	4,550	-2.2%	4,600	-3.3%
Dairy Products	650	650	0.0%	700	-7.1%
Bakery Products	850	900	-5.6%	800	6.3%
Sugar & Confectionary	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,000	0.0%
Other Foods	1,950	2,000	-2.5%	2,100	-7.1%
Printing & Publishing	2,600	2,600	0.0%	2,500	4.0%
Other Nondurable Goods	1,350	1,350	0.0%	1,600	-15.6%
SERVICES PRODUCING	230,500	229,950	0.2%	225,350	2.3%
TRAN, COMM & UTILITIES	17,000	17,000	0.0%	16,650	2.1%
Transportation	8,700	8,700	0.0%	8,650	0.6%
Trucking & Warehousing	4,900	4,900	0.0%	4,900	0.0%
Other Transportation	3,800	3,800	0.0%	3,750	1.3%
Railroads	1,800	1,800	0.0%	1,800	0.0%
Local & Suburban Transport	950	900	5.6%	950	0.0%
Water, Air & Pipeline	1,050	1,100	-4.5%	1,000	5.0%
Communications	3,600	3,600	0.0%	3,400	5.9%
Utilities	4,700	4,700	0.0%	4,600	2.2%
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,000	19,100	-0.5%	18,800	1.1%
Durable Goods	8,800	8,800	0.0%	8,600	2.3%
Nondurable Goods	10,200	10,300	-1.0%	10,200	0.0%

NORTH DAKOTA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	February 1990	January 1990	January 1990	February 1989	February 1989
RETAIL TRADE	48,750	49,350	-1.2%	47,200	3.3%
Hardware & Garden	2,100	2,200	-4.5%	2,300	-8.7%
General Merchandise	6,400	6,800	-5.9%	6,300	1.6%
Food Stores	7,000	7,000	0.0%	6,700	4.5%
Auto & Service Stations	6,700	6,800	-1.5%	6,400	4.7%
Apparel & Accessory	2,600	2,700	-3.7%	2,500	4.0%
Furniture Stores	1,650	1,650	0.0%	1,600	3.1%
Eating & Drinking Places	17,000	17,000	0.0%	16,500	3.0%
Misc Retail	5,300	5,200	1.9%	4,900	8.2%
FINANCE,INS & REAL ESTATE	12,400	12,350	0.4%	12,100	2.5%
Finance	6,700	6,700	0.0%	6,600	1.5%
Banking	5,700	5,700	0.0%	5,600	1.8%
Other Finance	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,000	0.0%
Insurance	3,900	3,850	1.3%	3,850	1.3%
Insurance Underwriters	2,500	2,500	0.0%	2,500	0.0%
Ins. Agents & Brokers	1,400	1,350	3.7%	1,350	3.7%
Real Estate	1,800	1,800	0.0%	1,650	9.1%
SERVICES	66,650	66,350	0.5%	64,100	4.0%
Lodging	4,200	4,200	0.0%	4,100	2.4%
Personal & Business	8,200	8,100	1.2%	7,600	7.9%
Personal Services	3,300	3,200	3.1%	3,200	3.1%
Business Services	4,900	4,900	0.0%	4,400	11.4%
Recreational Services	2,000	2,000	0.0%	2,200	-9.1%
Health Services	27,600	27,700	-0.4%	27,100	1.8%
Nursing & Hospital	20,100	20,200	-0.5%	19,900	1.0%
Other Health	7,500	7,500	0.0%	7,200	4.2%
Membership Organizations	8,200	8,100	1.2%	8,100	1.2%
Educational Services	3,000	2,900	3.4%	2,800	7.1%
Social Services	6,300	6,300	0.0%	5,500	14.5%
Other Services	7,150	7,050	1.4%	6,700	6.7%
Auto & Misc Repair	2,200	2,200	0.0%	2,100	4.8%
Legal Services	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,400	3.6%
Misc Services	3,500	3,400	2.9%	3,200	9.4%
GOVERNMENT	66,700	65,800	1.4%	66,500	0.3%
Federal	10,200	10,200	0.0%	10,300	-1.0%
State & Local	56,500	55,600	1.6%	56,200	0.5%
State Government	20,300	19,800	2.5%	20,300	0.0%
Educational Services	13,500	13,000	3.8%	13,400	0.7%
Other State Government	6,800	6,800	0.0%	6,900	-1.4%
Local Government	36,200	35,800	1.1%	35,900	0.8%
Educational Services	18,700	18,400	1.6%	18,200	2.7%
Other Local Government	17,500	17,400	0.6%	17,700	-1.1%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	February 1990	January 1990	January 1990	February 1989	February 1989
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	75,450	75,550	-0.1%	72,950	3.4%
GOODS PRODUCING	8,350	8,450	-1.2%	7,550	10.6%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	2,950	3,100	-4.8%	2,550	15.7%
Special Trades	1,700	1,800	-5.6%	1,500	13.3%
Other Construction & Mining	1,250	1,300	-3.8%	1,050	19.0%
MANUFACTURING	5,400	5,350	0.9%	5,000	8.0%
Durable Goods	2,550	2,500	2.0%	2,250	13.3%
Fabricated Metal & Machinery	1,450	1,400	3.6%	1,200	20.8%
Other Durable Goods	1,100	1,100	0.0%	1,050	4.8%
Nondurable Goods	2,850	2,850	0.0%	2,750	3.6%
Food & Kindred	1,800	1,800	0.0%	1,750	2.9%
Other Nondurables	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,000	5.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	67,100	67,100	0.0%	65,400	2.6%
TRANS, COMM & UTIL	4,550	4,550	0.0%	4,600	-1.1%
Trucking & Warehousing	950	950	0.0%	950	0.0%
Other Transportation	2,000	2,000	0.0%	1,900	5.3%
Communications & Utilities	1,600	1,600	0.0%	1,750	-8.6%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,400	6,400	0.0%	6,400	0.0%
Durable	3,700	3,700	0.0%	3,600	2.8%
Nondurable	2,700	2,700	0.0%	2,800	-3.6%
RETAIL TRADE	14,600	14,850	-1.7%	14,350	1.7%
General Merchandise & Apparel	3,000	3,100	-3.2%	2,800	7.1%
Food Stores	1,750	1,800	-2.8%	1,950	-10.3%
Auto Dealers & Svc. Stations	1,850	1,850	0.0%	1,600	15.6%
Eating & Drinking Places	5,500	5,500	0.0%	5,300	3.8%
Other Retail	2,500	2,600	-3.8%	2,700	-7.4%
FINANCE, INS & R E	4,550	4,550	0.0%	4,350	4.6%
Finance	2,100	2,100	0.0%	1,950	7.7%
Insurance Carriers	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,450	0.0%
Other Fin, Ins. & R.Estate	1,000	1,000	0.0%	950	5.3%
SERVICES	21,650	21,600	0.2%	20,600	5.1%
Lodging	1,350	1,300	3.8%	1,300	3.8%
Personal & Business	3,500	3,500	0.0%	3,400	2.9%
Recreation & Amusement	800	800	0.0%	900	-11.1%
Health Services	7,800	7,900	-1.3%	7,500	4.0%
Educational Services	2,300	2,200	4.5%	2,200	4.5%
Social Services	1,700	1,700	0.0%	1,550	9.7%
Membership Services	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,450	3.4%
Other Services	2,700	2,700	0.0%	2,300	17.4%
GOVERNMENT	15,350	15,150	1.3%	15,100	1.7%
Federal	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,200	4.5%
State	6,350	6,250	1.6%	6,400	-0.8%
State School	5,800	5,700	1.8%	5,900	-1.7%
Other State	550	550	0.0%	500	10.0%
Local	6,700	6,600	1.5%	6,500	3.1%
Local School	4,000	4,000	0.0%	3,900	2.6%
Other Local	2,700	2,600	3.8%	2,600	3.8%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	February 1990	January 1990	January 1990	February 1989	February 1989
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	31,450	31,350	0.3%	30,550	2.9%
GOODS PRODUCING	2,550	2,500	2.0%	2,700	-5.6%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,000	1,000	0.0%	950	5.3%
MANUFACTURING	1,550	1,500	3.3%	1,750	-11.4%
Durable Goods	550	500	10.0%	550	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,200	-16.7%
SERVICES PRODUCING	28,900	28,850	0.2%	27,850	3.8%
TRANS, COMM. & UTIL.	1,650	1,650	0.0%	1,550	6.5%
Transportation	1,000	1,000	0.0%	950	5.3%
Communications & Utilities	650	650	0.0%	600	8.3%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,650	1,650	0.0%	1,450	13.8%
RETAIL TRADE	7,450	7,650	-2.6%	7,100	4.9%
General Merchandise & Apparel	1,850	1,950	-5.1%	1,800	2.8%
Eating & Drinking Places	2,800	2,800	0.0%	2,600	7.7%
Other Retail	2,800	2,900	-3.4%	2,700	3.7%
FINANCE, INS. & R E	1,150	1,150	0.0%	1,100	4.5%
SERVICES	7,000	7,050	-0.7%	6,900	1.4%
Personal & Business	900	950	-5.3%	900	0.0%
Health	2,800	2,900	-3.4%	2,900	-3.4%
Other Services	3,300	3,200	3.1%	3,100	6.5%
GOVERNMENT	10,000	9,700	3.1%	9,750	2.6%
Federal	1,600	1,600	0.0%	1,500	6.7%
State	5,850	5,550	5.4%	5,750	1.7%
State School	5,400	5,100	5.9%	5,300	1.9%
Other State	450	450	0.0%	450	0.0%
Local	2,550	2,550	0.0%	2,500	2.0%
Local School	1,350	1,350	0.0%	1,350	0.0%
Other Local	1,200	1,200	0.0%	1,150	4.3%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	February 1990	January 1990	January 1990	February 1989	February 1989
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	38,450	38,400	0.1%	37,350	2.9%
GOODS PRODUCING	3,500	3,450	1.4%	3,200	9.4%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,300	1,350	-3.7%	1,200	8.3%
MANUFACTURING	2,200	2,100	4.8%	2,000	10.0%
Durable Goods	900	850	5.9%	800	12.5%
Nondurable Goods	1,300	1,250	4.0%	1,200	8.3%
SERVICES PRODUCING	34,950	34,950	0.0%	34,150	2.3%
TRANS, COMM. & UTIL.	2,850	2,850	0.0%	2,650	7.5%
Transportation	1,150	1,150	0.0%	1,100	4.5%
Communications & Utilities	1,700	1,700	0.0%	1,550	9.7%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,200	4.5%
RETAIL TRADE	7,750	7,900	-1.9%	7,500	3.3%
General Merchandise & Apparel	1,650	1,750	-5.7%	1,650	0.0%
Food Stores	1,050	1,050	0.0%	850	23.5%
Auto Dealers & Svc. Stations	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,100	-9.1%
Eating & Drinking Places	2,500	2,600	-3.8%	2,400	4.2%
Other Retail	1,550	1,500	3.3%	1,500	3.3%
FINANCE, INS. & R E	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,550	-3.2%
SERVICES	11,750	11,700	0.4%	11,400	3.1%
Lodging	950	900	5.6%	900	5.6%
Personal & Business	1,400	1,400	0.0%	1,300	7.7%
Health Services	4,800	4,800	0.0%	4,700	2.1%
Educational Services	850	850	0.0%	800	6.3%
Social Services	1,100	1,100	0.0%	1,050	4.8%
Membership Services	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,200	-12.5%
Other Services	1,600	1,600	0.0%	1,450	10.3%
GOVERNMENT	8,800	8,700	1.1%	8,850	-0.6%
Federal	1,150	1,150	0.0%	1,150	0.0%
State	3,950	3,900	1.3%	4,000	-1.3%
State Schools	350	300	16.7%	300	16.7%
Other State	3,600	3,600	0.0%	3,700	-2.7%
Local	3,700	3,650	1.4%	3,700	0.0%
Local Schools	2,100	2,100	0.0%	2,100	0.0%
Other Local	1,600	1,550	3.2%	1,600	0.0%

LABOR FORCE

NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	February 1990	January 1990	January 1990	February 1989	February 1989
UNITED STATES					
(In Thousands)					
Labor Force	126,307	126,095	0.2%	124,801	1.2%
Employment	119,713	119,560	0.1%	118,441	1.1%
Unemployment	6,594	6,535	0.9%	6,360	3.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	5.2%	xxx	5.1%	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	318,641	318,085	0.2%	322,670	-1.2%
Employment	303,134	302,371	0.3%	306,360	-1.1%
Unemployment	15,507	15,714	-1.3%	16,310	-4.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.9%	4.9%	xxx	5.1%	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	87,028	86,986	0.0%	87,100	-0.1%
Employment	84,154	84,219	-0.1%	84,060	0.1%
Unemployment	2,874	2,767	3.9%	3,040	-5.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.2%	xxx	3.5%	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	35,930	35,829	0.3%	36,130	-0.6%
Employment	34,648	34,351	0.9%	34,910	-0.8%
Unemployment	1,282	1,478	-13.3%	1,220	5.1%
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	4.1%	xxx	3.4%	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	46,161	46,145	0.0%	46,580	-0.9%
Employment	43,859	43,833	0.1%	44,210	-0.8%
Unemployment	2,302	2,312	-0.4%	2,370	-2.9%
Unemployment Rate	5.0%	5.0%	xxx	5.1%	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Grand Forks Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Grand Forks County.
The Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.
The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

(In Thousands)
January 1990

	NORTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	318.1	2,356.3	349.5	403.5
Employment	302.4	2,254.0	334.4	378.7
Unemployment	15.7	102.3	15.1	24.8
Unemployment Rate	4.9%	4.3%	3.7%	6.1%

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1982-84=100)

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1989	February 1990	January 1990	Percent Change From January 1990	February 1989	Percent Change From February 1989
All Items	124.0	128.0	127.4	0.5%	121.6	5.3%
Food & Beverage	124.9	130.9	130.0	0.7%	122.7	6.7%
Housing	123.0	126.1	125.9	0.2%	121.1	4.1%
Apparel & Upkeep	118.6	120.4	116.7	3.2%	115.3	4.4%
Transportation	114.1	117.1	117.2	-0.1%	111.6	4.9%
Medical Care	149.3	157.5	155.9	1.0%	145.2	8.5%
Entertainment	126.5	130.4	129.9	0.4%	124.3	4.9%
All Other	147.7	154.7	154.0	0.5%	144.1	7.4%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX

UNITED STATES AVERAGE

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1989	February 1990	January 1990	Percent Change From January 1990	February 1989	Percent Change From February 1989
All Commodities	112.2	114.4	114.9	-0.4%	110.8	3.2%
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	115.3	118.5	118.2	0.3%	114.6	3.4%
Industrial Commodities	111.6	113.6	114.2	-0.5%	110.1	3.2%

UNITED STATES

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	February 1990	January 1990	February 1989	February 1990	January 1990	February 1989	February 1990	January 1990	February 1989
MANUFACTURING	431.88	429.95	423.50	40.4	40.6	40.8	10.69	10.59	10.38
Durable Goods	460.32	455.67	452.77	41.1	41.2	41.5	11.20	11.06	10.91
Nondurable Goods	394.21	396.41	382.88	39.5	39.8	39.8	9.98	9.96	9.62

NORTH DAKOTA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	February 1990	January 1990	February 1989	February 1990	January 1990	February 1989	February 1990	January 1990	February 1989
MANUFACTURING	353.82	348.57	335.16	39.8	39.7	39.2	8.89	8.78	8.55
Durable Goods	373.01	365.81	358.69	41.4	40.6	40.9	9.01	9.01	8.77
Nondurable Goods	332.50	328.49	312.75	38.0	38.6	37.5	8.75	8.51	8.34
Food & Kindred	338.96	347.78	326.42	40.4	41.8	40.2	8.39	8.32	8.12

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	February 1990	January 1990	February 1989	February 1990	January 1990	February 1989	February 1990	January 1990	February 1989
MANUFACTURING	337.92	339.95	335.32	38.4	39.3	38.9	8.80	8.65	8.62
Durable Goods	317.57	301.76	311.56	38.4	37.3	38.8	8.27	8.09	8.03
Nondurable Goods	357.12	375.24	356.07	38.4	41.1	39.0	9.30	9.13	9.13

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	FEB'90	JAN'90	FEB'89	FEB'90	JAN'90	FEB'89	FEB'90	JAN'90	FEB'89	FEB'90	JAN'90	FEB'89
Divide	1,286	1,286	1,304	1,258	1,261	1,272	28	25	32	2.2%	1.9%	2.5%
McKenzie	2,510	2,563	2,640	2,430	2,471	2,510	80	92	130	3.2%	3.6%	4.9%
Williams	10,549	10,578	10,936	10,078	10,023	10,344	471	555	592	4.5%	5.2%	5.4%
REGION 1	14,345	14,427	14,880	13,766	13,755	14,126	579	672	754	4.0%	4.7%	5.1%
Bottineau	3,202	3,176	3,202	2,963	2,976	2,997	239	200	205	7.5%	6.3%	6.4%
Burke	1,176	1,217	1,251	1,126	1,141	1,188	50	76	63	4.3%	6.2%	5.0%
McHenry	2,531	2,491	2,491	2,137	2,129	2,122	394	362	369	15.6%	14.5%	14.8%
Mountrail	3,205	3,191	3,154	2,975	2,958	2,901	230	233	253	7.2%	7.3%	8.0%
Pierce	2,398	2,339	2,380	2,286	2,251	2,292	112	88	88	4.7%	3.8%	3.7%
Renville	1,161	1,139	1,165	1,110	1,087	1,102	51	52	63	4.4%	4.6%	5.4%
Ward	24,908	24,993	25,738	23,563	23,619	24,186	1,345	1,374	1,552	5.4%	5.5%	6.0%
REGION 2	38,581	38,546	39,381	36,160	36,161	36,788	2,421	2,385	2,593	6.3%	6.2%	6.6%
Benson	2,615	2,664	2,993	2,298	2,361	2,751	317	303	242	12.1%	11.4%	8.1%
Cavalier	2,505	2,423	2,527	2,319	2,250	2,337	186	173	190	7.4%	7.1%	7.5%
Eddy	1,417	1,385	1,378	1,252	1,237	1,247	165	148	131	11.6%	10.7%	9.5%
Ramsey	6,660	6,648	6,559	6,355	6,348	6,223	305	300	336	4.6%	4.5%	5.1%
Rolette	4,406	4,336	4,488	3,797	3,782	3,863	609	554	625	13.8%	12.8%	13.9%
Towner	1,642	1,622	1,722	1,569	1,535	1,651	73	87	71	4.4%	5.4%	4.1%
REGION 3	19,245	19,078	19,667	17,590	17,513	18,072	1,655	1,565	1,595	8.6%	8.2%	8.1%
Grand Forks	35,930	35,829	36,136	34,648	34,351	34,912	1,282	1,478	1,224	3.6%	4.1%	3.4%
Nelson	1,829	1,803	1,848	1,733	1,697	1,749	96	106	99	5.2%	5.9%	5.4%
Pembina	5,252	5,208	5,191	4,753	4,733	4,692	499	475	499	9.5%	9.1%	9.6%
Walsh	7,175	7,189	7,397	6,772	6,790	6,957	403	399	440	5.6%	5.6%	5.9%
REGION 4	50,186	50,029	50,572	47,906	47,571	48,310	2,280	2,458	2,262	4.5%	4.9%	4.5%
Cass	61,256	61,260	61,987	59,616	59,620	60,296	1,640	1,640	1,691	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%
Ransom	2,567	2,569	2,615	2,475	2,485	2,536	92	84	79	3.6%	3.3%	3.0%
Richland	8,488	8,504	8,581	8,185	8,165	8,217	303	339	364	3.6%	4.0%	4.2%
Sargent	2,553	2,536	2,527	2,495	2,479	2,451	58	57	76	2.3%	2.2%	3.0%
Steele	1,014	1,021	1,025	969	967	964	45	54	61	4.4%	5.3%	6.0%
Traill	4,238	4,219	4,192	4,106	4,078	4,067	132	141	125	3.1%	3.3%	3.0%
REGION 5	80,116	80,109	80,927	77,846	77,794	78,531	2,270	2,315	2,396	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	FEB'90	JAN'90	FEB'89	FEB'90	JAN'90	FEB'89	FEB'90	JAN'90	FEB'89	FEB'90	JAN'90	FEB'89
Barnes	5,589	5,612	5,604	5,353	5,318	5,309	236	294	295	4.2%	5.2%	5.3%
Dickey	2,961	2,960	2,911	2,869	2,874	2,798	92	86	113	3.1%	2.9%	3.9%
Foster	2,191	2,123	2,078	2,059	2,000	1,990	132	123	88	6.0%	5.8%	4.2%
Griggs	1,440	1,455	1,454	1,369	1,366	1,387	71	89	67	4.9%	6.1%	4.6%
La Moure	2,199	2,150	2,182	2,081	2,045	2,070	118	105	112	5.4%	4.9%	5.1%
Logan	1,386	1,365	1,396	1,342	1,326	1,331	44	39	65	3.2%	2.9%	4.7%
McIntosh	2,115	2,103	2,080	2,070	2,057	2,052	45	46	28	2.1%	2.2%	1.3%
Stutsman	11,486	11,522	11,714	10,942	10,986	11,119	544	536	595	4.7%	4.7%	5.1%
Wells	2,670	2,647	2,708	2,417	2,402	2,477	253	245	231	9.5%	9.3%	8.5%
REGION 6	32,037	31,937	32,127	30,502	30,374	30,533	1,535	1,563	1,594	4.8%	4.9%	5.0%
Burleigh	33,708	33,689	33,909	32,185	32,166	32,444	1,523	1,523	1,465	4.5%	4.5%	4.3%
Emmons	2,080	2,054	2,077	1,935	1,914	1,942	145	140	135	7.0%	6.8%	6.5%
Grant	1,684	1,647	1,686	1,625	1,589	1,586	59	58	100	3.5%	3.5%	5.9%
Kidder	1,512	1,503	1,490	1,343	1,338	1,324	169	165	166	11.2%	11.0%	11.1%
McLean	4,307	4,306	4,280	3,981	3,992	3,947	326	314	333	7.6%	7.3%	7.8%
Mercer	5,486	5,468	5,526	5,053	5,032	5,108	433	436	418	7.9%	8.0%	7.6%
Morton	12,452	12,455	12,675	11,674	11,667	11,769	778	788	906	6.2%	6.3%	7.1%
Oliver	962	937	995	886	877	905	76	60	90	7.9%	6.4%	9.0%
Sheridan	1,122	1,070	1,066	1,044	1,008	976	78	62	90	7.0%	5.8%	8.4%
Sioux	1,148	1,137	1,176	1,015	1,019	1,030	133	118	146	11.6%	10.4%	12.4%
REGION 7	64,461	64,266	64,880	60,741	60,602	61,031	3,720	3,664	3,849	5.8%	5.7%	5.9%
Adams	1,588	1,605	1,552	1,538	1,569	1,515	50	36	37	3.1%	2.2%	2.4%
Billings	555	541	563	515	505	517	40	36	46	7.2%	6.7%	8.2%
Bowman	1,999	2,015	2,045	1,941	1,955	1,947	58	60	98	2.9%	3.0%	4.8%
Dunn	1,649	1,626	1,559	1,517	1,514	1,390	132	112	169	8.0%	6.9%	10.8%
Gldn Valley	958	954	975	932	927	936	26	27	39	2.7%	2.8%	4.0%
Hettinger	1,660	1,648	1,659	1,551	1,539	1,553	109	109	106	6.6%	6.6%	6.4%
Slope	407	419	417	386	374	370	21	45	47	5.2%	10.7%	11.3%
Stark	10,855	10,884	11,469	10,242	10,219	10,742	613	665	727	5.6%	6.1%	6.3%
REGION 8	19,671	19,692	20,239	18,622	18,602	18,970	1,049	1,090	1,269	5.3%	5.5%	6.3%
STATE TOTALS	318,641	318,085	322,671	303,134	302,371	306,360	15,507	15,714	16,311	4.9%	4.9%	5.1%

NORTH DAKOTA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
ANNUAL AVERAGE

(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1988	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1989	% CHANGE 1988 to 1989
TOTAL	256,500	260,350	1.5%
GOODS PRODUCING	30,500	30,300	-0.7%
MINING	4,250	3,950	-7.6%
Coal	1,100	1,100	0.0%
Crude Petroleum & Nat. Gas	2,800	2,500	-12.0%
Other Mining	350	350	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	9,900	9,800	-1.0%
Building Construction	2,600	2,600	0.0%
Street, Highway & Heavy	2,400	2,300	-4.3%
Special Trade Construction	4,900	4,900	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	16,350	16,550	1.2%
Durable Goods	7,550	8,100	6.8%
Primary & Fab. Metals	1,000	1,050	4.8%
Machinery & Trans. Equip	4,600	4,950	7.1%
Machinery & Electric	3,400	3,600	5.6%
Transportation Equipment	1,200	1,350	11.1%
Other Durables	1,950	2,100	7.1%
Lumber & Wood	800	1,000	20.0%
Misc Durable	1,150	1,100	-4.5%
Nondurable Goods	8,800	8,450	-4.1%
Food & Kindred Products	4,550	4,350	-4.6%
Dairy Products	750	700	-7.1%
Bakery Products	750	800	6.3%
Sugar & Confectionary	900	850	-5.9%
Other Foods	1,450	1,500	3.3%
Printing & Publishing	2,400	2,500	4.0%
Other Nondurable Goods	1,850	1,600	-15.6%
SERVICES PRODUCING	226,000	230,050	1.8%
TRAN, COMM & UTILITIES	16,750	16,950	1.2%
Transportation	8,550	8,750	2.3%
Trucking & Warehousing	5,000	5,000	0.0%
Other Transportation	3,550	3,750	5.3%
Railroads	1,750	1,850	5.4%
Local & Suburban Transportation	800	850	5.9%
Water, Air & Pipeline	1,000	1,050	4.8%
Communications	3,400	3,500	2.9%
Utilities	4,800	4,700	-2.1%
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,500	19,600	0.5%
Durable Goods	9,000	9,000	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	10,500	10,600	0.9%

NORTH DAKOTA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
ANNUAL AVERAGE
(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	ANNUAL AVERAGE	ANNUAL AVERAGE	% CHANGE
	1988	1989	1988 to 1989
RETAIL TRADE	48,750	49,850	2.2%
Hardware & Garden	2,500	2,500	0.0%
General Merchandise	6,400	6,500	1.5%
Food Stores	6,800	7,100	4.2%
Auto & Service Stations	6,600	6,600	0.0%
Apparel & Accessory	2,600	2,600	0.0%
Furniture Stores	1,650	1,650	0.0%
Eating & Drinking Places	17,200	17,800	3.4%
Misc Retail	5,000	5,100	2.0%
FINANCE,INS & REAL ESTATE	12,300	12,200	-0.8%
Finance	6,600	6,550	-0.8%
Banking	5,600	5,600	0.0%
Other Finance	1,000	950	-5.3%
Insurance	3,900	3,850	-1.3%
Insurance Underwriters	2,500	2,500	0.0%
Ins. Agents & Brokers	1,400	1,350	-3.7%
Real Estate	1,800	1,800	0.0%
SERVICES	64,100	65,850	2.7%
Lodging	4,200	4,300	2.3%
Personal & Business	7,600	7,900	3.8%
Personal Services	3,100	3,200	3.1%
Business Services	4,500	4,700	4.3%
Recreational Services	2,600	2,500	-4.0%
Health Services	26,900	27,400	1.8%
Nursing & Hospital	19,700	20,000	1.5%
Other Health	7,200	7,400	2.7%
Membership Organizations	8,200	8,200	0.0%
Educational Services	2,700	2,800	3.6%
Social Services	5,100	5,600	8.9%
Other Services	6,800	7,150	4.9%
Auto & Misc Repair	2,100	2,200	4.5%
Legal Services	1,400	1,450	3.4%
Misc Services	3,300	3,500	5.7%
GOVERNMENT	64,600	65,600	1.5%
Federal	10,300	10,300	0.0%
State & Local	54,300	55,300	1.8%
State Government	19,200	19,700	2.5%
Educational Services	12,300	12,500	1.6%
Other State Government	6,900	7,200	4.2%
Local Government	35,100	35,600	1.4%
Educational Services	16,900	17,200	1.7%
Other Local Government	18,200	18,400	1.1%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
ANNUAL AVERAGES

INDUSTRIES	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1988	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1989	% CHANGE FROM 1988 to 1989
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA			
TOTAL	73,150	75,000	2.5%
GOODS PRODUCING	8,550	8,950	4.5%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	3,450	3,650	5.5%
Special Trades	1,850	1,950	5.1%
Other Construction & Mining	1,600	1,700	5.9%
MANUFACTURING	5,100	5,300	3.8%
Durable Goods	2,300	2,550	9.8%
Fabricated Metal & Machinery	1,200	1,350	11.1%
Other Durable Goods	1,100	1,200	8.3%
Nondurable Goods	2,800	2,750	-1.8%
Food & Kindred	1,750	1,750	0.0%
Other Nondurables	1,050	1,000	-5.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	64,600	66,050	2.2%
TRANS, COMM & UTILITIES	4,600	4,750	3.2%
Trucking & Warehousing	2,000	2,100	4.8%
Other Transportation	950	950	0.0%
Communications & Utilities	1,650	1,700	2.9%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,600	6,800	2.9%
Durable	3,700	3,800	2.6%
Nondurable	2,900	3,000	3.3%
RETAIL TRADE	14,750	14,850	0.7%
General Merchandise & Apparel	2,800	2,900	3.4%
Food Stores	2,000	2,000	0.0%
Auto Dealers & Svc. Stations	1,650	1,650	0.0%
Eating & Drinking Places	5,400	5,600	3.6%
Other Retail	2,900	2,700	-7.4%
FINANCE, INS & REAL ESTATE	4,450	4,450	0.0%
Finance	1,900	2,000	5.0%
Insurance Carriers	1,550	1,450	-6.9%
Other Fin. Ins. & R.Estate	1,000	1,000	0.0%
SERVICES	20,050	20,950	4.3%
Lodging	1,300	1,350	3.7%
Personal & Business	3,200	3,500	8.6%
Recreation & Amusement	950	900	-5.6%
Health Services	7,600	7,700	1.3%
Educational Services	1,800	1,950	7.7%
Social Services	1,450	1,600	9.4%
Membership Services	1,450	1,450	0.0%
Other Services	2,300	2,500	8.0%
GOVERNMENT	14,150	14,250	0.7%
Federal	2,200	2,200	0.0%
State	5,850	5,850	0.0%
State School	5,300	5,300	0.0%
Other State	550	550	0.0%
Local	6,100	6,200	1.6%
Local School	3,500	3,600	2.8%
Other Local	2,600	2,600	0.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
ANNUAL AVERAGES

INDUSTRIES	ANNUAL AVERAGE	ANNUAL AVERAGE	% CHANGE FROM
	1988	1989	1988 to 1989
GRAND FORKS MSA			
TOTAL	30,300	31,000	2.3%
GOODS PRODUCING	3,050	3,000	-1.7%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,350	1,400	3.6%
MANUFACTURING	1,700	1,600	-6.3%
Durable Goods	450	550	18.2%
Nondurable Goods	1,250	1,050	-19.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	27,250	28,000	2.7%
TRANS, COMM. & UTILITIES	1,650	1,650	0.0%
Transportation	1,050	1,000	-5.0%
Communications & Utilities	600	650	7.7%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,500	1,550	3.2%
RETAIL TRADE	7,050	7,350	4.1%
General Merchandise & Apparel	1,850	1,850	0.0%
Eating & Drinking Places	2,500	2,700	7.4%
Other Retail	2,700	2,800	3.6%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,150	1,150	0.0%
SERVICES	6,800	7,000	2.9%
Personal & Business	900	900	0.0%
Health	2,700	2,800	3.6%
Other Services	3,200	3,300	3.0%
GOVERNMENT	9,100	9,300	2.2%
Federal	1,500	1,500	0.0%
State	5,150	5,400	4.6%
State School	4,700	4,900	4.1%
Other State	450	500	10.0%
Local	2,450	2,400	-2.1%
Local School	1,300	1,250	-4.0%
Other Local	1,150	1,150	0.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
ANNUAL AVERAGES

INDUSTRIES	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1988	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1989	% CHANGE FROM 1988 to 1989
BISMARCK MSA			
TOTAL	37,500	38,850	3.5%
GOODS PRODUCING	3,700	3,850	3.9%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,650	1,650	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	2,050	2,200	6.8%
Durable Goods	800	900	11.1%
Nondurable Goods	1,250	1,300	3.8%
SERVICES PRODUCING	33,800	35,000	3.4%
TRANS, COMM. & UTILITIES	2,650	2,750	3.6%
Transportation	1,050	1,150	8.7%
Communications & Utilities	1,600	1,600	0.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,200	2,300	4.3%
RETAIL TRADE	7,750	8,000	3.1%
General Merchandise & Apparel	1,700	1,700	0.0%
Food Stores	900	1,000	10.0%
Auto Dealers & Svc. Stations	1,150	1,150	0.0%
Eating & Drinking Places	2,500	2,600	3.8%
Other Retail	1,500	1,550	3.2%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,600	1,550	-3.2%
SERVICES	11,050	11,650	5.2%
Lodging	850	950	10.5%
Personal & Business	1,250	1,350	7.4%
Health Services	4,600	4,700	2.1%
Educational Services	650	700	7.1%
Social Services	950	1,100	13.6%
Membership Services	1,250	1,200	-4.2%
Other Services	1,500	1,650	9.1%
GOVERNMENT	8,550	8,750	2.3%
Federal	1,150	1,150	0.0%
State	3,900	4,000	2.5%
State Schools	300	300	0.0%
Other State	3,600	3,700	2.7%
Local	3,500	3,600	2.8%
Local Schools	1,900	1,950	2.6%
Other Local	1,600	1,650	3.0%

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LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S
ANNUAL AVERAGES

	AVERAGE 1988	AVERAGE 1989	% CHANGE 1988 to 1989
NORTH DAKOTA			
Labor Force	332,000	331,000	-0.3%
Employment	316,000	317,000	0.3%
Unemployment	16,000	14,000	-14.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	4.3%	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA			
Labor Force	86,590	87,690	1.3%
Employment	84,070	85,280	1.4%
Unemployment	2,520	2,410	-4.6%
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	2.7%	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA			
Labor Force	36,200	36,530	0.9%
Employment	34,730	35,180	1.3%
Unemployment	1,470	1,350	-8.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	3.7%	xxx
BISMARCK MSA			
Labor Force	46,710	47,660	2.0%
Employment	44,470	45,690	2.7%
Unemployment	2,240	1,970	-13.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	4.1%	xxx

NORTH DAKOTA
MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS
ANNUAL AVERAGES

INDUSTRY	Annual Average Weekly Earnings			Annual Average Weekly Hours			Annual Average Hourly Earnings		
	1988	1989	% Change	1988	1989	% Change	1988	1989	% Change
MANUFACTURING	323.53	349.84	7.5%	38.7	39.8	2.8%	8.36	8.79	4.9%
Durable Goods	347.58	378.00	8.0%	40.7	42.0	3.1%	8.54	9.00	5.1%
Nondurable Goods	303.03	321.00	5.6%	37.0	37.5	1.3%	8.19	8.56	4.3%
Food & Kindred	318.30	332.80	4.4%	39.2	40.0	2.0%	8.12	8.32	2.4%

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA
MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS
ANNUAL AVERAGES

INDUSTRY	Annual Average Weekly Earnings			Annual Average Weekly Hours			Annual Average Hourly Earnings		
	1988	1989	% Change	1988	1989	% Change	1988	1989	% Change
MANUFACTURING	331.78	360.08	7.9%	38.4	39.7	3.3%	8.64	9.07	4.7%
Durable Goods	304.19	349.92	13.1%	38.8	40.5	4.2%	7.84	8.64	9.3%
Nondurable Goods	359.04	370.89	3.2%	38.4	39.0	1.5%	9.35	9.51	1.7%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION
ANNUAL AVERAGES

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE	
	1988	1989	% Change	1988	1989	% Change	1988	1989	% Change	1988	1989
Divide	1,463	1,405	-4.1%	1,415	1,367	-3.5%	48	38	-26.3%	3.3%	2.7%
McKenzie	2,967	2,875	-3.2%	2,828	2,764	-2.3%	139	111	-25.2%	4.7%	3.9%
Williams	11,364	11,154	-1.9%	10,760	10,654	-1.0%	604	500	-20.8%	5.3%	4.5%
REGION 1	15,794	15,434	-2.3%	15,003	14,785	-1.5%	791	649	-21.9%	5.0%	4.2%
Bottineau	3,520	3,391	-3.8%	3,310	3,221	-2.8%	210	170	-23.5%	6.0%	5.0%
Burke	1,335	1,303	-2.5%	1,269	1,243	-2.1%	66	60	-10.0%	4.9%	4.6%
McHenry	2,655	2,591	-2.5%	2,331	2,313	-0.8%	324	278	-16.5%	12.2%	10.7%
Mountrail	3,293	3,310	0.5%	3,050	3,086	1.2%	243	224	-8.5%	7.4%	6.8%
Pierce	2,569	2,522	-1.9%	2,470	2,448	-0.9%	99	74	-33.8%	3.9%	2.9%
Renville	1,241	1,217	-2.0%	1,177	1,165	-1.0%	64	52	-23.1%	5.2%	4.3%
Ward	26,278	25,919	-1.4%	24,884	24,692	-0.8%	1,394	1,227	-13.6%	5.3%	4.7%
REGION 2	40,891	40,253	-1.6%	38,491	38,168	-0.8%	2,400	2,085	-15.1%	5.9%	5.2%
Benson	3,435	3,056	-12.4%	3,205	2,782	-15.2%	230	274	16.1%	6.7%	9.0%
Cavalier	2,680	2,637	-1.6%	2,516	2,487	-1.2%	164	150	-9.3%	6.1%	5.7%
Eddy	1,452	1,443	-0.6%	1,329	1,346	1.3%	123	97	-26.8%	8.5%	6.7%
Ramsey	6,600	6,690	1.3%	6,302	6,446	2.2%	298	244	-22.1%	4.5%	3.6%
Rolette	4,783	4,629	-3.3%	3,875	3,964	2.2%	908	665	-36.5%	19.0%	14.4%
Towner	1,772	1,754	-1.0%	1,718	1,704	-0.8%	54	50	-8.0%	3.0%	2.9%
REGION 3	20,722	20,209	-2.5%	18,945	18,729	-1.2%	1,777	1,480	-20.1%	8.6%	7.3%
Grand Forks	36,194	36,531	0.9%	34,726	35,181	1.3%	1,468	1,350	-8.7%	4.1%	3.7%
Nelson	1,957	1,925	-1.7%	1,843	1,837	-0.3%	114	88	-29.5%	5.8%	4.6%
Pembina	5,440	5,443	0.1%	4,950	4,983	0.7%	490	460	-6.5%	9.0%	8.5%
Walsh	8,081	7,773	-4.0%	7,681	7,390	-3.9%	400	383	-4.4%	4.9%	4.9%
REGION 4	51,672	51,672	0.0%	49,200	49,391	0.4%	2,472	2,281	-8.4%	4.8%	4.4%
Cass	61,499	62,424	1.5%	59,912	61,026	1.8%	1,587	1,398	-13.5%	2.6%	2.2%
Ransom	2,750	2,715	-1.3%	2,648	2,642	-0.2%	102	73	-39.7%	3.7%	2.7%
Richland	8,825	8,653	-2.0%	8,430	8,319	-1.3%	395	334	-18.3%	4.5%	3.9%
Sargent	2,660	2,690	1.1%	2,592	2,624	1.2%	68	66	-3.0%	2.6%	2.5%
Steele	1,141	1,131	-0.9%	1,102	1,076	-2.4%	39	55	29.1%	3.4%	4.9%
Traill	4,458	4,405	-1.2%	4,276	4,243	-0.8%	182	162	-12.3%	4.1%	3.7%
REGION 5	81,333	82,018	0.8%	78,960	79,930	1.2%	2,373	2,088	-13.6%	2.9%	2.5%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION
ANNUAL AVERAGES

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE	
	1988	1989	% Change	1988	1989	% Change	1988	1989	% Change	1988	1989
Barnes	5,851	5,832	-0.3%	5,588	5,615	0.5%	263	217	-21.2%	4.5%	3.7%
Dickey	3,168	3,100	-2.2%	3,034	3,020	-0.5%	134	80	-67.5%	4.2%	2.6%
Foster	2,151	2,203	2.4%	2,056	2,119	3.0%	95	84	-13.1%	4.4%	3.8%
Griggs	1,560	1,581	1.3%	1,504	1,523	1.2%	56	58	3.4%	3.6%	3.7%
La Moure	2,369	2,314	-2.4%	2,269	2,231	-1.7%	100	83	-20.5%	4.2%	3.6%
Logan	1,462	1,469	0.5%	1,422	1,429	0.5%	40	40	0.0%	2.7%	2.7%
McIntosh	2,242	2,233	-0.4%	2,194	2,191	-0.1%	48	42	-14.3%	2.1%	1.9%
Stutsman	12,113	11,964	-1.2%	11,619	11,534	-0.7%	494	430	-14.9%	4.1%	3.6%
Wells	2,874	2,822	-1.8%	2,675	2,640	-1.3%	199	182	-9.3%	6.9%	6.4%
REGION 6	33,790	33,518	-0.8%	32,361	32,302	-0.2%	1,429	1,216	-17.5%	4.2%	3.6%
Burleigh	34,007	34,834	2.4%	32,499	33,524	3.1%	1,508	1,310	-15.1%	4.4%	3.8%
Emmons	2,198	2,190	-0.4%	2,080	2,089	0.4%	118	101	-16.8%	5.4%	4.6%
Grant	1,860	1,847	-0.7%	1,776	1,767	-0.5%	84	80	-5.0%	4.5%	4.3%
Kidder	1,535	1,541	0.4%	1,425	1,425	0.0%	110	116	5.2%	7.2%	7.5%
McLean	4,530	4,437	-2.1%	4,232	4,175	-1.4%	298	262	-13.7%	6.6%	5.9%
Mercer	5,793	5,671	-2.2%	5,395	5,322	-1.4%	398	349	-14.0%	6.9%	6.2%
Morton	12,705	12,814	0.9%	11,970	12,160	1.6%	735	654	-12.4%	5.8%	5.1%
Oliver	1,129	1,067	-5.8%	1,053	1,004	-4.9%	76	63	-20.6%	6.7%	5.9%
Sheridan	1,181	1,178	-0.3%	1,108	1,114	0.5%	73	64	-14.1%	6.2%	5.4%
Sioux	1,204	1,206	0.2%	984	985	0.1%	220	221	0.5%	18.3%	18.3%
REGION 7	66,142	66,785	1.0%	62,522	63,565	1.6%	3,620	3,220	-12.4%	5.5%	4.8%
Adams	1,690	1,677	-0.8%	1,646	1,638	-0.5%	44	39	-12.8%	2.6%	2.3%
Billings	878	803	-9.3%	846	770	-9.9%	32	33	3.0%	3.6%	4.1%
Bowman	2,171	2,144	-1.3%	2,086	2,081	-0.2%	85	63	-34.9%	3.9%	2.9%
Dunn	1,692	1,732	2.3%	1,526	1,602	4.7%	166	130	-27.7%	9.8%	7.5%
Gldn Valley	1,051	1,044	-0.7%	1,017	1,015	-0.2%	34	29	-17.2%	3.2%	2.8%
Hettinger	1,840	1,787	-3.0%	1,742	1,714	-1.6%	98	73	-34.2%	5.3%	4.1%
Slope	476	458	-3.9%	439	422	-4.0%	37	36	-2.8%	7.8%	7.9%
Stark	11,858	11,468	-3.4%	11,216	10,888	-3.0%	642	580	-10.7%	5.4%	5.1%
REGION 8	21,656	21,113	-2.6%	20,518	20,130	-1.9%	1,138	983	-15.8%	5.3%	4.7%
STATE TOTALS	332,000	331,000	-0.3%	316,000	317,000	0.3%	16,000	14,000	-14.3%	4.8%	4.3%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which included the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often call the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all states of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay from the pay period which included the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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